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# Turning Hope into Reality

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**April 29 - May 1, 2009**

### **Wednesday, April 29: VA Research and Collaboration**

- VA House/Senate Committee Briefing - Committee Room
- Media Advisory - Russell Senate Office Building, Room 418
- VA Research Exhibit - Russell Senate Office Building, Room 418

### **Thursday, April 30: VA Research in Action**

Location to be announced at [www.research.va.gov/ResearchWeek](http://www.research.va.gov/ResearchWeek)

- VA Officials and Researchers; Congressional and Other Guest Speakers
  - Veterans' Stories
- Russell Senate Office Building Caucus Room
- Congressional Reception Sponsored by VSOs and Other Partners

### **Friday, May 1: VA Research in Practice**

Washington VA Medical Center

- Keynote Address
- VA Research Examples that Improve Veterans' Lives
- Veterans' Stories

Hosted by VA, in collaboration with Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) and other partners, to kick off National VA Research Week, May 3-9.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Susan Dentzer  
Editor-In-Chief, Health Affairs



Dana Bowman  
Army Golden Knights Veteran



Maj. Gen. David Blackledge  
U.S. Army



*Eric K. Shinseki  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

"VA's Research and Development Program is an essential part of our mission to provide cutting-edge health care to our Nation's Veterans. As we work to transform VA, three fundamental attributes mark the starting point for framing a 21st-Century Organization: people-centric, results-driven, and forward-looking. These attributes require continued and increased emphasis on discovery, innovation, and best-practices."

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# VA Research: *Turning Hope Into Reality*

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Time	Event	Speaker
<i>Wednesday, April 29</i>		
<b>VA Research and Collaboration</b>		
9:30-11:00	VA Research: Turning Hope Into Reality VA House Committee Briefing <i>Location: Cannon House Office Bldg., Rm 340</i>	Joel Kupersmith, MD, CRADO, ORD; Veterans; VA Researchers
11:30-12:30	News Conference <i>Location: Russell Senate Office Bldg., Rm 418</i>	All media representatives invited
3:00-4:30	VA Research: Turning Hope Into Reality VA Senate Committee Briefing <i>Location: Russell Senate Office Bldg., Rm 418</i>	Joel Kupersmith, MD, CRADO, ORD; Veterans; VA Researchers
<i>Thursday, April 30</i>		
<b>VA Research in Action</b> <i>Location to be announced.</i>		
8:00-9:00	Registration and VA Research Hands-On Exhibits	Joel Kupersmith, MD, CRADO, ORD
9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks	To be announced at <a href="http://www.research.va.gov/ResearchWeek">www.research.va.gov/ResearchWeek</a>
9:15-9:45	Keynote Remarks & Award Presentations	Timothy O'Leary, MD, PhD, Acting Deputy CRADO
9:45-10:30	VA Research: Turning Hope Into Reality	and Awardees
10:30-10:40	Break	Susan Dentzer, Editor-In-Chief, Health Affairs
10:40-11:00	Guest Speaker	<i>Moderator:</i> Joel Kupersmith, MD, CRADO, ORD
11:00-11:45	Comparative Effectiveness Research in Practice	<i>Moderator:</i> Dana Bowman, US Army Golden Knights
11:45-12:45	Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow: Veterans' Stories	<i>Veteran; Panel:</i> Veterans
12:45-1:30	Lunch On Own and Hands-On Exhibits	
1:30-2:30	Working Together to Restore Veterans' Abilities	<i>Moderator:</i> Michael Selzer, MD, PhD, Director, RR&D; <i>Panel:</i> Researchers and Veterans
2:30-2:45	Destigmatizing Mental Health Care	Army Maj. Gen. David Blackledge
2:45-3:40	Advancing Veterans' Mental Health Care and Well-Being	<i>Moderator:</i> Timothy O'Leary, MD, PhD, Acting Deputy CRADO; <i>Panel:</i> Researchers
3:40-3:50	Break	
3:50-4:30	Federal Collaboration to Improve Veterans' Lives	<i>Moderator:</i> Alex Ommaya, ScD, Director, Translational Research, ORD; <i>Panel:</i> Researchers and Federal Partners
4:30-5:00	Closing Remarks	Michael Kussman, MD, Under Secretary for Health, VHA; MD Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET) Choir
5:00-7:00	Congressional Reception Sponsored by VSOs and VA Research Partners <i>Location: Russell Senate Office Bldg. Caucus Room</i>	MCVET Choir; VA Research Hands-On Exhibits and Open Reception
<i>Friday, May 1</i>		
<b>VA Research in Practice</b> <i>Location: Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center</i>		
9:30-9:40	Welcome and Introduction	Fernando Rivera, Director, Washington VAMC
9:40-10:00	Keynote Address	Gerald Cross, MD, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, VHA
10:00-10:45	VA Research: Turning Hope Into Reality	Joel Kupersmith, MD, CRADO, ORD; Marc R. Blackman, MD, ACOS; and VA Researchers in HIV/
10:45-11:00	Break	AIDS, Genetics, Hypertension, and Suicide Prevention
11:00-11:45	Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow: Veterans' Stories	<i>Moderator:</i> Dana Bowman, US Army Golden Knights
11:45-12:00	Closing Remarks	<i>Veteran; Panel:</i> Veterans
12:00-1:30	Hands-on Exhibits and Health Screenings	Sanford Garfunkel, Network Director, Capitol Health Care Network

*For more information and to register, visit [www.research.va.gov/ResearchWeek](http://www.research.va.gov/ResearchWeek).*

*Please check the website periodically for announcements of additional speakers and possible room changes.*